

“Arkansas Children’s Hospital and Angel One are dedicated to providing Care, Love and Hope . . . at 180 miles per hour.”

With each passing year, ACH continues to reinvent itself and add vital services necessary for the care of its patients. This summer, the new South Wing will give ACH its largest expansion to date, with a brandnew ER, NICU, Cardiovascular Intensive Care Unit, and multiple new clinic spaces. This wing will bring ACH to a total of 370 patient rooms. For a facility that started with only two beds, Dr. Christian would be proud of the century of progress made at Arkansas Children’s Hospital.

Mr. President, when the original orphanage was established in 1912, it had a simple mission: to provide and care for the neediest children in Arkansas. A century later, Arkansas Children’s Hospital continues to hold fast to that mission and provide world-class care to every child, without regard to the family’s ability to pay. I am proud of the work ACH and its staff does for the children in Arkansas and across our Nation. My State is truly blessed to have such great care, and I am excited to see the ways this institution will continue to expand in the years to come. I ask my colleagues to join me today in congratulating Arkansas Children’s Hospital on 100 years of service in Arkansas and in wishing ACH another 100 years of success.●

PRESIDENTIAL POLICY DIRECTIVE ESTABLISHING PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT SECTION 1022 OF THE NATIONAL DEFENSE AUTHORIZATION ACT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012—PM 42

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Armed Services:

To the Congress of the United States:

Attached is the text of a Presidential Policy Directive establishing procedures to implement section 1022 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2012 (Public Law 112-81) (the “Act”), which I hereby submit to the Congress, as required under section 1022(c)(1) of the Act. The Directive also includes a written certification that it is in the national security interests of the United States to waive the requirements of section 1022(a)(1) of the Act with respect to certain categories of individuals, which I hereby submit to the Congress in accordance with section 1022(a)(4) of the Act.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, February 28, 2012.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 11:09 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. Novotny, one of its reading clerks,

announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 347) to correct and simplify the drafting of section 1752 (relating to restricted buildings or grounds) of title 18, United States Code.

MEASURES PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time, and placed on the calendar:

H.R. 1173. An act to repeal the CLASS program.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-5083. A communication from the Manager of the BioPreferred Program, Office of Procurement and Property Management, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Redesignation of the BioPreferred Program” (RIN0503-AA41) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5084. A communication from the Secretary of the Commission, Division of Enforcement, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Business Conduct Standards for Swap Dealers and Major Swap Participants With Counterparties” (RIN3038-AC25) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 17, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5085. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Pyrooxasulfone; Pesticide Tolerances” (FRL No. 9334-2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2012; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-5086. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, an addendum to a certification, transmittal number: DDTC 12-018, of the proposed sale or export of defense articles and/or defense services to a Middle East country regarding any possible affects such a sale might have relating to Israel’s Qualitative Military Edge over military threats to Israel; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5087. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Homeland Defense and Americas’ Security Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Mitigation of Power Outage Risks for Department of Defense Facilities and Activities”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5088. A communication from the Secretary of the Army, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled “Army Fisher House Program Fiscal Year 2011 Annual Report to Congress”; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5089. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the modernization priority assessments provided by the Chiefs of the Reserve and National Guard components; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5090. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting a report on the approved retirement of Lieutenant General Richard P. Zahner, United States Army, and his advancement to the grade of lieutenant general on the retired list; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5091. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of two (2) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of brigadier general in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5092. A communication from the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to a proposed change to the Fiscal Year 2010 National Guard and Reserve Equipment Appropriation (NGREA) procurement; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5093. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of the Department of Defense Mentor-Protégé Pilot Program” ((RIN0750-AH59) (DFARS Case 2012-D024)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 17, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5094. A communication from the Director of Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Department of Defense, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Extension of the Test Program for Negotiation of Comprehensive Small Business Subcontracting Plans” ((RIN0750-AH60) (DFARS Case 2012-D026)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 17, 2012; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-5095. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “List of Approved Spent Fuel Storage Casks: Holtec International HI-STORM 100 Cask System, Revision 8” (RIN3150-AJ05) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5096. A communication from the Director of Congressional Affairs, Nuclear Regulatory Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Thermal Overload Protection for Electric Motors on Motor Operated Valves” (Regulatory Guide 1.106, Revision 2) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 23, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5097. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Endangered Status and Designations of Critical Habitat for Spikedace and Loach Minnow” (RIN1018-AX17) received during adjournment of the Senate in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 21, 2012; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-5098. A communication from the Chief of the Listing Branch, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled “Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants; Determination of Endangered Status for the Rayed Bean and Snuffbox Mussels Throughout Their Ranges” (RIN1018-AV96) received during adjournment